REMARKS

In this Response, Claims 5 and 6 are amended for consistency with previously amended Claim 1. Claims 1-10 remain in the Application. Reconsideration of the pending claims is respectfully requested in view of the above amendments and the following remarks.

I.   Claims Rejected Under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1-10 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 7,164,755 issued to Yokoyama ("Yokoyama") in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,671,567 issued to Dwyer et al. ("Dwyer")

To establish a *prima facie* case of obviousness, the relied upon references must teach or suggest every limitation of the claim such that the invention as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to one skilled in the art.

Independent Claims 1 and 9 includes the elements of a token header formed by combining token header data of variable lengths, the token header data having the lowest occurrence of generation among the data of voice packet data outputted from a vocoder.

Yokoyama discloses a voice storage device that includes a storage means (2) for storing a digitally coded voice signal, and a voice compression means (13) for compressing the voice signal when a residual capacity of the storage means is below a threshold (FIGs. 1 and 7, Abstract). The voice compression means (13) compresses a stored voice signal in accordance with a compression degree and a significance of the voice signal (col. 7, lines 20-28). In FIG. 3 and col. 3, line 30 to col. 4, line 13, Yokoyama describes a packet header including a compression degree and a significance of the voice signal. The packet header has multiple fields. However, none of the fields are selected based on the occurrence of generation being lower than a threshold value. Claims 1 and 9 recites a token header formed by combining token header data of variable lengths, the token header data having the lowest occurrence of generation among the data of voice packet data outputted from a vocoder. Yokoyama does not disclose the use of data that has the lowest occurrence of generation among the data of voice packet data outputted from a vocoder in the formation of a token header. Thus, Yokoyama does not teach or suggest the token header and token header data as recited in the claims.

The Examiner relies on Dwyer at FIG. 14 (presumably, FIG. 1) and col. 9, lines 56-65 for disclosing the recited features of secure communication between a transmission terminal and a reception terminal. However, there is no indication in any part of Dwyer that secure communication is established using a token having the above-mentioned token header. The cited passages and other portions of Dwyer do not teach or suggest the recited elements, including, "at a transmission terminal receiving a request for a secure communication from a user and transmitting the token to a reception terminal," and "at the transmission terminal entering into a secure communication mode based on an acknowledge token transmitted from the reception terminal, and performing secure communication with the reception terminal." Thus, Dwyer does not teach or suggest these recited features, as indicated by the Examiner.

For at least the foregoing reasons, independent Claims 1 and 9 are non-obvious over Yokoyama in view of Dwyer.

Claims 2-8 and 10 depend from Claims 1 and 9, respectively, and incorporate the limitations thereof. Thus, for at least the reasons mentioned above with respect to Claims 1 and 9, Claims 2-8 and 10 are non-obvious over Yokoyama in view of Dwyer.

Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of Claims 1-10 are respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is believed that all claims are now in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited at the earliest possible date.

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